



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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Trace forward surveys continue and the national survey is underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The number of confirmed positive facilities from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 125 in 16 states.

The pathogen has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler in 102 facilities in 15 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (38), Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Florida (6), Washington (6), Oregon (9), Texas (6), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), Maryland (1), North Carolina (9), New Mexico (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1). The Federal confirmed nursery protocol was implemented at these facilities.

A plant from a San Diego County mail-order nursery has been confirmed positive for *P. ramorum* in Pennsylvania. The bonsai Camellia was a house plant.

The ER reports that five states are conducting National Survey activities (AL, CT, KY, MS and NC). The states have inspected 56 nurseries and collected 1645 samples; none have been confirmed positive. Seven states are expected to start surveys soon (DE, FL, GA, NJ, SC, TN and VA). The WR reports that 10 states are conducting National Survey activities (AZ, AR, CA, ID, IA, LA, MO, OK, OR, and WA). These states have inspected 339 nurseries and have collected 11,378 samples; plants at 13 facilities have tested positive.

Fourteen states continue to impose quarantine regulations over and above those ordered by PPQ on California, and in some cases Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. West Virginia has revised their quarantine. This revision allows nursery stock from certified nurseries to ship into West Virginia. However, they require pre-notification of all nursery stock and also require non-host nursery stock to be certified, which is not required according to the USDA/CDFA. North Carolina and Oregon have enacted regulations that parallel the PPQ emergency order.